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## DINING OUT '04



## 190th Award Winners recognized at March 2004 Commander's Call



Senior Master Sgt. Nancy Stout receives an IG coin from Kansas Adjutant General Tod Bunting in appreciation for her work during the recent Turkey deployment and inspection.



### Young Volunteers

Students from area grade and middle schools supported Project Topeka



**Meritorious Service Medal Recipients**  
(L-R) Major Joel Darbo, Senior Master Sgt. Keith Fulton and Tech Sgt. Robin Lewis



(photos by:  
190th Multimedia Support)

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# 190th Trains Iowa Air Guard Pilots

**By Tech Sgt Greg Burnetta**

190<sup>th</sup> Public Affairs

The 190<sup>th</sup> ARW is the only unit in the Air National Guard currently conducting KC-135E initial qualification pilot training.

Members of the 190<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing's 117<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron are providing aircraft transitional training for Iowa Air Guard fighter pilots who are being retrained as tanker pilots.

The Iowa Air Guard's former 185<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Sioux City, Iowa, has been reclassified as the 185<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing and has given up its F-16 fighters for KC-135 air refueling tankers.

Three highly experienced instructors from the 117<sup>th</sup> ARS were selected to conduct this transition training: Lt. Col. Ken Folger, Maj. Jarrod Frantz, and Maj. Brad Hinkle, all traditional guardsmen who volunteered to perform this training.

Additionally, Maj. Robin Hicks was selected as the training coordinator and SSgt Mike Money was selected as the sortie scheduler for this training.

This opportunity to conduct transitional pilot training is a result of 190<sup>th</sup> ARW's former commander, Col. Michael J. O'Toole, and the 185<sup>th</sup> ARW commander, Col. John Janson, meeting each other at a National Air Guard conference last year, said Hicks.

During that conference, Janson told O'Toole that the 185<sup>th</sup> would be transitioning from F-16 fighters to KC-135 tankers. The fighters left in December 2002 but it would be two years before the 185<sup>th</sup>'s pilots could be scheduled to attend their transitional training at Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma. Altus AFB is where the Air Force trains KC-135 tanker pilots.

O'Toole, a certified instructor pilot, told Janson that he'd check into having the 190<sup>th</sup> help the 185<sup>th</sup> obtain their pilot training sooner than having to wait two years to attend training at Altus AFB.

Prior to being redesignated the 185<sup>th</sup> ARW, the 185<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, had a long history flying single seat fighter aircraft. Since their inception in 1946 they have only flown single seat aircraft. Transitioning from a single seat fighter to a "heavy" is a major culture change. For the pilots the training is significant. They are moving from a relatively small, highly maneuverable single seat aircraft, with a limited un-refueled range to a large "transport" category aircraft that requires a crew of three and is capable of flying halfway around the world on its own fuel.

According to Hicks, They learn to start four engines, coordinate with crew members and delegate duties to crew members during emergencies.

Training the 185<sup>th</sup> ARW pilots at Forbes is a win-win situation for everyone, said Hicks.

For example, 190<sup>th</sup> instructor pilots along with flight simulator training at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, can train the 185<sup>th</sup> pilots in a shorter amount of time than what it would take at Altus AFB.

It takes Altus seventeen weeks to conduct the transitional training as opposed to the eleven weeks it takes the 190<sup>th</sup> ARW.

Also, the tanker training at Altus is accomplished with KC-135 "R" models.

The 185<sup>th</sup> ARW will be equipped with KC-135 "E" models – the same airframe flown by the 190<sup>th</sup> ARW. If they were trained with "R" models, they would still have to become familiar with the "E" models once their training was completed at Altus and they returned home to Sioux City, said Maj.



## Homework

Iowa Air National Guard Major David McKinney received transitional pilot training at Forbes Field.

(Photo: 190<sup>th</sup> Multimedia Support)

Brad Hinkle, an instructor pilot for the 117<sup>th</sup> ARS.

The differences between the "R" model and the "E" model include different engines with different thrust characteristics that cause different procedures when practicing simulated engine failures. They also have different brakes and a different auxiliary power unit electric system.

The 185<sup>th</sup> pilots begin this transitional training with five to six weeks of flight simulator training and mission orientated training at Scott AFB prior to coming to the 190<sup>th</sup> at Forbes Field.

After they come to the 190<sup>th</sup>, they receive hands on flight training, said Hinkle. This training includes everything from their first actual takeoff and landing in a KC-135 tanker to refueling every type of aircraft that can be refueled in the air.

This training also includes engine failure exercises, emergency crash landings and other simulated emergency training.

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The flight training at Forbes emphasizes the air-refueling mission of the KC-135 and practice emergency procedures. Simulated engine failures on take-off, simulated engine out landings, loss of hydraulic systems, manual gear and flap extension, jammed flight controls are all part of the training syllabus.

In addition to emergency procedures, the 190<sup>th</sup> instructor pilots ensure that the students are capable of flying instrument approaches down to minimums in any weather.

A typical training sortie lasts four to five hours and consists of an air refueling with a receiver aircraft followed by a several hours of traffic pattern work, which emphasizes emergency procedures, and instrument approaches.

We require fewer flights here because we can do more in a few hours than Altus can, said Hicks.

At Altus, it takes fifteen minutes to go around once while practicing touch and go take off and landings - because of all the additional air traffic at that location. Here we can go around in five minutes, said Hicks. This results in the student pilots getting to perform more take-

offs and landings and more emergency drills in a shorter period of time, he said.

The average instructor pilot member of the 190<sup>th</sup> ARW has an average of thirteen years tanker experience, as opposed to the instructor pilots at Altus having an average of seven years tanker experience, said Hinkle.

One other training incentive for the 185<sup>th</sup> pilots is that they can train here Monday - Friday and go home on weekends to Iowa. If they were attending transitional flight training at Altus, they would not be able to go home on weekends.

Hicks said the 185<sup>th</sup> ARW was losing pilots who didn't want to both lose their fighters, and then have to wait two years for transitional training at Altus. Some of the 185<sup>th</sup> ARW pilots had not flown for thirteen to fourteen months, said Hicks.

The 185<sup>th</sup> ARW being able to send their pilots here for training is expected to assist them with pilot retention.

In concert with the pilot transitional training, the 190<sup>th</sup> ARW has provided numerous informal training for 185<sup>th</sup> ARW boom operators, crew chiefs and ground crew maintenance members.

Although the 185<sup>th</sup> has sent their boom operators and maintenance people to formal schools, they have also been able to accompany their aircraft to Forbes Field while their pilots are being trained at the 190<sup>th</sup>.

Their flight chiefs and boom operators can fly during this pilot training and get practice operating the boom during refueling.

The 185<sup>th</sup> maintainers were able to network with the 190<sup>th</sup> maintainers resulting in an enhancement to the 185<sup>th</sup>'s maintenance training.

The 190<sup>th</sup> maintainers illustrated some of the maintenance knowledge that is typically only learned by experience - such as the most expeditious way in which to repair or service a piece of equipment, said Hinkle.

Hicks said the 185<sup>th</sup> ARW is sending pilots and crew chiefs to Savannah, Georgia, with the 190<sup>th</sup> for a practice Operational Readiness Exercise. This will give them a chance to observe how we build and load pallets and load people onto the KC-135 tankers, he said. This is a benefit above and beyond normal pilot training.

### Summer 2004 STARBASE Academy Schedule

**June 21 - 25**  
**Traditional**  
**STARBASE**  
**Academy**

**July 12 - 16**  
**STARBASE**  
**Robotics\***  
**Academy**



For more information and to  
enroll contact Kim  
Mittermeier at:  
(785) 861-4196

[www.kansasstarbase.org](http://www.kansasstarbase.org)

**July 26 - 30**  
**Amelia's Angels**  
**Ladies Only**  
**Academy**

**August 9 - 13**  
**STARBASE**  
**R/C Airplanes\***  
**Academy**

\*Prerequisite: Students must have completed 4th grade AND attended a Traditional Academy or a School Year Academy.

# What you really need to know about short term deployments

By **Tonya VanSickle**

190<sup>th</sup> Family Readiness

Often when short term deployments (less than 30 days) arise, many 190<sup>th</sup> members are excited. It is an opportunity to implement what you have been trained to do, as well as being a part of a larger mission while not being away for very long.

When you leave for a short deployment, many times we do not take the time to plan for emergencies. Or, you may not take the time to work out the little details that you worry about when you are gone for a longer period of time. Here are a few helpful hints that can make your short term deployment go smoothly.

1. Make sure to work out what communication you will have with family at home. If you can only call every other day, or if you will not check your e-mail everyday be direct and honest with that information. It is better for

your family to understand what to expect instead of worrying about where you are. Explain what the time difference is between you and your family. This helps with anxiety about why you have not been in contact with them.

2. The Red Cross has an emergency number for messages (800-987-4272). What many people do not understand is the Red Cross Headquarters for our area is based in Kentucky. They do not know how to locate people without certain information. Ensure that your family knows your rank, Social Security Number, your full name, what branch of the service you are in, who you are with, and if possible, what your military address is. People are invited to call me at the Family Readiness office, but often times I may not be any faster than the Red Cross. If you have any questions about working with the Red Cross please let me know.

3. Please fill out the Family Readiness Information form (available on the Family Readiness Intranet webpage) even if you are leaving for a short amount of time. If families contact me with questions, the information you provide allows me to be more familiar with you and your family's particular needs.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our volunteers that have been helping with the busy year we are having so far.

Here are some future Family Readiness events you should mark on your calendar:

**April 3th (UTA Saturday):**

Easter Egg Hunt and festivities  
3:00pm-5:00pm

**April 30:**

190<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Awards dinner

**June 5:**

190<sup>th</sup> Dance  
7:00pm-11:00pm at the Vinewood Roadhouse

## Family Readiness Award Winners

## 190th claims numerous awards at State Family Readiness Conference

### Individual Award Winners

**Col. Debbie Rose:** 10 years of service award

**Barb Lacore:** 33 years of service award

**TSgt. Tina Perkins:** Kansas National Guard Frontier Award

**Dixie Herken:** Kansas National Guard Continuing Service Award

**Jenni Guerrero:** Kansas National Guard Pioneer Award & Kansas Air National Guard Volunteer of the year

**Lacore Family:** Kansas Air National Guard Family Readiness and Support Award

March 13 was a big night for the 190th Air Refueling Wing's Family Readiness Program. During the awards ceremony at the State Family Readiness Conference in Wichita, the 190th claimed a number of unit and individual volunteer awards. The pinnacle of the evening was the unveiling of the Kansas National Guard Family Program of the year - won by the 190th ARW.



### **190th claims Family Program of the Year Award**

The 190th ARW was the recipient of the Kansas National Guard Family Program of the year and Kansas National Guard Scrapbook of the year at the 2004 State Family Readiness Conference held in Wichita on March 13 (photo submitted)

# 24 Years later . . .

**By Col. Terry Fritz**

190<sup>th</sup> ARW Vice Commander

Almost 24 years ago, I joined the 190<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Group with no concept of how important it would become in my life. I actually thought I would serve as a traditional guardsman and get a "real" job after basic training and tech school.

Well, that first job turned out to be as a GS-5, Senior Airman in personnel and I've been here ever since.

I will be leaving the 190<sup>th</sup> on April 1st to become the United States Property and Fiscal Of-

ficer for Kansas. Although I am extremely excited about this opportunity, I leave with mixed emotions.

I leave knowing I may never again be a part of an organization with the spirit and magic of the 190<sup>th</sup>. It is a special unit made up of special people.




My wife, Kari and I owe much to the 190<sup>th</sup> and the National Guard. We will never be able to repay this debt, so we can only say thank you, we will miss you and may God bless you. It has been an honor to serve with you.

--**Colonel Terry Fritz**  
*Kansas Coyote*



**Colonel Terry Fritz**  
190<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing  
Vice Commander

## Fritz Facts

-  Colonel Fritz was the first nonrated Vice Commander for the 190th
-  Colonel William Mahler (later General Mahler) was the Commander at the time of Colonel Fritz's enlistment
-  Colonel Fritz served under a total of 9 commanders, serving as Vice Commander under 3 (Gen. Forrest, Col. O'Toole and Col. Burden)

Colonel Fritz's last UTA at the 190th will be April 2004.

Join Colonel Fritz and his family for a farewell reception in the Coyote Cafe on 3 April at 2:00 p.m.

## PACK Meeting

The 24th Annual meeting of PACK will be held at the Ramada Inn April 23rd and 24th.

This organization is, as it's name implies (**P**ast & **A**ctive **C**oyotes of **K**ansas) a group of men and women associated with the 190th. We invite anyone who is connected with the 190th to come and join in the fun. Membership costs for the PACK is \$3.00 / year.

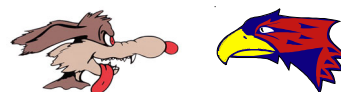
The weekend's activities include a Friday night mixer and a Saturday night dinner-dance. Saturday night's activities will also include door and raffle prizes.

The Annual meeting costs are:

	<i>Single</i>	<i>Couple</i>
 Entire weekend	\$35.00	\$60.00
Friday night only	\$20.00	\$25.00
Saturday night only	\$30.00	\$50.00

For information about PACK or to be placed on the mailing list please contact Wendy Mulanax (861-4211), Gerald Stallbaumer (861-4420) or Sharon Schroeder (862-0289).

## 190<sup>th</sup> Vs. 184<sup>th</sup>



### Air Guard Golf Tournament

Friday May 7, 2004

Twin Lakes Golf Course: McConnell AFB

Showtime: 8:30 a.m.

Tee Time: 9:00 a.m. (Shotgun start)

Cost: \$35

(includes cart, green fees, lunch, prizes)

To register contact Tsgt. Troy Abel  
(861-4927) on or before 3 May



## Portrait of an Airman

### Senior Airman Bernadine A. Eastridge



**ORGANIZATION:** Command Post, 190th ARW

**JOB TITLE:** Command and Control Specialist

**MAIN RESPONSIBILITY:** Executive agent for the Commander, Crisis Action Team, Higher Headquarters, Major Commands, and the Adjutant General as it relates to Command and Control duties during operational events. Transmits instructions to aircrews and support assets to coordinate launch, recall, execute, and terminate missions in support of operational events. Receives, copies, decodes, validates, processes, and relays Emergency Action Messages to appropriate personnel and completes checklist actions in response to any tasking received from HHQ.

**CIVILIAN CAREER:** Legal Assistant

**EDUCATION:** Currently attending Washburn University to complete a degree in Legal studies

**MILITARY EXPERIENCE:** 4 years active duty at McGuire AFB, New Jersey

**GOALS AND AMBITIONS:** To obtain my Associates Degree in legal studies to be a paralegal and to become a full time controller in the Command Post. The Air Force is my career and I hope to excel in every aspect of my studies, at Forbes Field ANG Base and in school.

**HOBBIES AND ACTIVITIES:** Reading suspense novels, working out, walking my dogs and riding bikes with my husband.

## FYI



### First Sgt Vacancy 190th Mission Support Group



Submit application materials to the Mission Support Group Commander by COB 2 May 2004. Materials should include a current RIP and Resume. Must be a Master Sgt. or promotable Tech. Sgt.



### Koyotes to host 190th Night on May 1

On Saturday, May 1 the Kansas Koyotes indoor football team will host the Kansas Coyotes at the second annual 190th ARW night. Tickets for the game will be \$11.00 (children 12 and under ½ price)

The 190th Color Guard will perform during the pre-game festivities and Col. Burden will be on the field for the coin flip prior to kickoff. Halftime activities will include the AF Jr-ROTC drill squad.

Throughout the game the 190th's Coyote will be on hand to "howl up" the crowd.

Current and former members of the 190th Air Refueling Wing qualify for special ticket prices for the upcoming season: 2 plaza level seats for \$190.00 or 4 for \$308.00.

For more information contact the Koyotes at (785) 273-8657 or visit them on-line at [www.koyotesfootball.com](http://www.koyotesfootball.com).



### National Guard Association of Kansas Conference

April 16 - 18 (Holidome - Topeka, KS)

Registration information available on-line at:  
[www.ngaks.org](http://www.ngaks.org)

### 190th Display Committee

The 190th will be updating their display booth at the Museum of the Kansas National Guard.

If you are interested in working on this project please contact Maj. Tony DeJesus at 861-4567



## Promotions

### SrA

Demorris E. Glasper, Maint.  
Jacob D. Torrez, CES  
Scott E. Wiltse, CES  
Orlando Saucedo, MPF



### TSG

Bradley R. Herron, CES



### MSG

Jason R. Meacham, SVF  
Michael A. Legg, Maint.  
Gary M. Miller, ANGUS  
Daniel J. Mangiaracino, Maint.  
Stanley J. Wilch, Maint.



### SSG

Johney E. James, Stu Flt.  
Nathaniel Berroth, Stu Flt.  
Peter G. Tavares II, SVF  
Jennifer L. Vega, SVF  
David P. Tomcsek, Maint  
Michael L. Hummer, Maint.  
Brian D. Stucky, 117th ARS  
Benjamin D. Fulton, Maint.



### SMS

Troy S. Kyle, State HQ



### CMS

Keith A. Guffy, LGS  
Gary L. Montgomery, Wing



## Upcoming Events

### SMSgt Keith Guffy Promotion to Chief

April 2 (Coyote Cafe)  
2pm

### Colonel Fritz Farewell

April 3 (Coyote Cafe)  
2pm

### 190th ARW Easter Egg Hunt

April 3 (TDY Loop Lawn)  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

### Command Chief Montgomery Promotion

April 4 (Coyote Cafe)  
3pm

## Enlistments, Reenlistments, and Retirements

### Enlistments

2Lt Sandra C. Haenisch  
2Lt Joseph L. Lovuola  
TSgt Martha A. Ryan  
SSgt Lonnie L. Woodman  
SSgt Henry W. Tye  
SRA Daniel P. Snider

SRA David D. Guice  
SRA Paul J. Cross  
SRA James M. Barnes Jr.  
SRA Brian M. Rogers  
A1C Matthew A. Montgomery  
A1C Florencio Chavez

### Extensions

CMSgt Carl L. Boggs  
CMSgt Linda J. Mollnow

### Retirements

MSgt Wade A. Handley

### \*Coyote Log retraction\*

The Coyote Log apologizes for a mistake in the March 2004 issue. The following members have not retired as was previously written in the March 2004 issue of the Coyote Log:

Lt. Col Kyle B. Lewis  
CMS David C. Purling  
SMSgt John N. Dailey

SMSgt Edward J. Williams  
MSgt Karen A. Green

## Coyote Cafe Menu

### Saturday April 3

Steak  
Fried Chicken  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Rice Pilaf  
Mixed Veggies  
Peas

### Short Line

Sloppy Joes  
Fried Okra  
Seasoned wedges  
Smoked Turkey Sandwiches  
(Low fat option)

### Sunday April 4

Ham  
Fettuccine Alfredo  
Wild Rice  
Glazed Carrots  
Spinach

### Short Line

Chicken Tenders  
Waffle Fries  
Smoked Turkey Sandwiches  
(Low fat option)

### Hotel for April

Capital Plaza

## Chapel Hours

Protestant: 0800 - 0830  
Latter Day Saints: 1100-1130  
Catholic: 1345 - 1415

The Chaplain's Office is  
located on the 3rd floor  
of Hangar 662.

## Parachute Shop

Uniform Patch Sewing  
Bldg. 665 West Side Entrance  
Business Hours  
(drop-off or pickup)  
Tuesday and Thursday  
1400-1600 Hrs.  
UTA Saturday and Sunday  
1400-1600 Hrs.

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